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SUMMARY: GOJ DRAFT AGREEMENTS PROPOSE EMERGENCY CONSULTATION
CLAUSE AND MIXED COMMISSION TO REVIEW TRADE AND
TRADE PROBLEMS, BUT DO NOT PROPOSE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE.
COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WILL REQUIRE DIET RATIFICATION.
DUE TO DELAY ARRIVAL PRC DELEGATION, COMPOSITION GOJ
NEGOTIATING TEAM NOT CERTAIN. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION AUGUST 9, OGURA, DEPUTY
HEAD, CHINA DIVISION, FONOFF, PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFOR-
MATION ABOUT PROPOSED JAPAN-PRC AGREEMENTS.

2. SOME CONCERN EXISTS WITHIN GOJ, IN PARTICULAR WITHIN
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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, RE POSSIBLE IMPACT RAPIDLY

INCRASING IMPORTS FROM PRC. NEVERTHELESS, GOJ DRAFTS DO NOT INCLUDE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE AS SUCH. GOJ DRAFTS DO INCLUDE EMERGENCY CONSULTATION CLAUSE WHICH COULD BE INVOKED TO DISCUSS RAPID INCREASES IN IMPORTS AS WELL AS TRADE COMPLAINTS AND OTHER PROBLEMS. ADDITIONALLY, GOJ DRAFTS PROPOSE MIXED COMMISSION OF REPS BOTH SIDES WHICH WOULD MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO REVIEW JAPAN-PRC TRADE AND DISCUSS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM TRADE. THIS COMMISSION COULD ALSO DISCUSS RAPID INCREASES IN IMPOJKS. TRADE DISPUTES COULD BE DISCUSSED IN THIS FOITRLR UNDER EMERGENCY CONSULTATION CLAUSE.

3. CONCERNING FORM OF PROPOSED AGREEMENTS (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL), OGURA EXPLAINED THAT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND LEGAL REASONS COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WILL REQUIRE DIET RATIFICATION. TRADE AGREEMENT WILL NOT REQUIRE RATIFICATION. OGURA STRESSED THAT SUBSTANCE OF TWO AGREEMENTS CLOSELY RELATED TO EACH OTHER AND BOTH SHOULD BE SIGNED AND TAKE EFFECT SIMULTANEOUSLY. GOJ WILL PROPOSE THAT AGREEMENTS BE FOR FIVE YEARS, BUT WILL BE FLEXIBLE THIS POINT.

4. GOJ MINISTRIES TENTATIVELY DESIGNATED NEGOTIATING TEAM MEMBERS AUGUST 8 AS FOLLOWS: TAKASHIMA, DIRGEN, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, FONOFF, CHAIRMAN; OMORI, COUNSELOR, ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU; KAWADA, COUNSELOR, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU; KUNIHIRO, HEAD, CHINA DIVISION, ALL OF FONOFF; OISHI, DEP DIRGEN, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BUREAU; AND UCHIDA, NORTH EAST ASIA SECTION, BOT OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY; TSUKADA, INTERNATIONAL PLANS DIVISION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, AND MATSUO, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, CUSTOMS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FINANCE. SUBSEQUENT TO THESE DESIGNATIONS, GOJ LEARNED OF DELAY IN PRC DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL. AS DIET IS NOW IN SESSION AND OTHER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED, RESULTING CONFLICTS MAY REQUIRE CHANGES IN LIST OF NEGOTIATORS.

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